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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6674**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1352

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 27, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** The Climate Registry.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Dvorak

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the state of Indiana to become a member of and participate in the Climate Registry concerning greenhouse gas emissions reporting and reduction. It requires the Governor or the Governor's designee to sign the Climate Registry's statement of principles and goals to become a member of the Climate Registry and deliver a copy of the signed statement to the Climate Registry before July 1, 2009.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** To join the Climate Registry, Indiana would be subject to a \$35,000 voluntary contribution which is based on population. Other costs would involve an estimated ½ staff time to participate in at least one committee and board meetings. It is estimated that the staff person would have to be involved in three to five conference calls a year and two board meetings. With respect to the board meetings, one is a conference call in January and one requires the member to go to Chicago in June. Expenses to attend the meeting in Chicago are estimated at less than \$1,000.

It is presumed that IDEM could cover costs for participation given its existing levels of resources. The State Personnel Department staffing report indicated that, as of December 15, 2008, the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) had 47 vacant positions with salaries totaling \$1.7 M. Of the 47 vacant positions, 41 have been vacant for a year or less. For FY 2008, IDEM reverted over \$5.9 M in state General Fund revenues. Total reversions for all funds equaled \$14.4 M.

**Background:** As of December 2008, 40 states and 10 Canadian provinces had joined the Climate Registry.

All states surrounding Indiana have joined. The Registry is a collaboration among states, provinces, and tribes aimed at developing and managing a common greenhouse gas emissions reporting system and reduction policies.

The state would agree to work with the Climate Registry to establish and endorse a voluntary entity-wide greenhouse gas emissions reporting and verification system and will encourage entities to voluntarily report their emissions. Staff at IDEM would work with the Climate Registry to identify a set of greenhouse gas emissions minimum data quantification standards to be recognized by member states and tribes in both voluntary and mandatory reporting and emissions reduction programs; and work to incorporate these minimum data quantification standards into any mandated greenhouse gas reporting and emissions reduction program. The staff person would review documents of the committee and assist in the recruitment of participants. Currently, in Indiana, Subaru participates in the work of the registry.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** IDEM.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Ann McCabe, Regional Director, Midwest, Climate Registry, 312.952.9487; Climate Registry website: <http://www.theclimateregistry.org>; Indiana State Personnel Staffing Report.

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